IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

DIEGO FRAUSTO,)
Plaintiff,) 1:10-cv-1363
V.)
) Judge Zagel
IC SYSTEM, INC.,)
Defendant.) JURY DEMANDED

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

Plaintiffs respectfully request that, pursuant to both Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3), this Court certify this case as a class action for the following class of similarly situated persons:

All persons with Illinois cell phone numbers (a) who ICS called using any Minnesota-based dialer; (b) where ICS used a pre-recorded voice; (c) in an attempt to collect an alleged PayPal debt; (e) where the PayPal contract was identical to that of plaintiff in that it states that PayPal had consent to call, and not IC System; and (e) any such call was made by ICS at any time between August 1, 2009 and August 30, 2009. Excluded from the class are persons who, according to ICS' records, did *not* provide the phone number called to ICS or to PayPal, and did not otherwise attempt to revoke consent to receive such calls.

The timeframe is definitional, only; this case seeks damages for all calls to any person who falls within the class. Plaintiff further requests that the Court appoint plaintiff Diego Frausto as the class representative, and Burke Law Offices, LLC as class counsel.

In further support of this motion, plaintiff states:

1. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. §227(b) prohibits calling persons on their cellular telephones using an "automatic telephone dialing system," and also prohibits use of "prerecorded" or "artificial voice" messages in such calls. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii); Sengenberger v. Credit Control Services, Inc., 2010 WL 1791270, at *6 (N.D.III. May 5, 2010); reconsideration denied June 17, 2010.

- 2. Defendant IC System, Inc. ("ICS") called plaintiff's cellular telephone thirty-eight times in attempts to collect an alleged debt. ICS uses the same dialer to make these calls to each class member, and any violation of the TCPA for these class members will therefore be uniform among the class.
- 3. All requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been met. Plaintiff files this motion to avoid the plaintiff from being "picked off" through a Rule 68 or individual settlement offer, as suggested by some court decisions. *Greisz v. Household Bank*, 176 F.3d 1012 (7th Cir. 1999).
- 4. Plaintiff specifically requests that the Court decide this motion before deciding plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. Alternatively, plaintiff requests that the Court make a finding that by filing a motion for summary judgment before class certification, ICS has waived one-way intervention. *Williams v. Lane*, 129 F.R.D. 636, 647-48 (N.D.III. 1990). Plaintiff also requests that he be permitted discovery before setting a briefing schedule on this motion.
- 5. <u>Numerosity</u>. Numerosity is evident through ICS' use of the proscribed equipment, which is designed to contact a large number of individuals through automated, unmanned calling, and through the testimony of its dialer operations manager, Scott Ellison. Exhibit A. Joinder is therefore impracticable and satisfy numerosity for certification purposes. Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(1).
- 6. <u>Common Questions Predominate</u>. There exist common questions of law and fact, which predominate over any individual questions. The class definition ensures that all of class members have identical claims; both factually and legally. Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(2) & 23(b)(3).

- 7. <u>Typicality</u>. Similarly, the plaintiff's claims are typical of the other class members.

 All of the claims are based upon a substantially identical set of facts and circumstances.

 Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(3).
- 8. <u>Adequacy</u>. Plaintiff and counsel will fairly and adequately represent the class. Plaintiff's interests in this litigation are aligned with those of the class, and they have hired a lawyer experienced in class action and consumer litigation. <u>Exhibit B</u>. Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a)(4).
- 9. <u>Defendant's Actions Applicable Generally</u>. The defendant has acted or failed to act on grounds generally applicable to each class member, and it is these generalized actions around which this case revolves. Class-wide Injunctive relief under the TCPA 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(A), along with corresponding declaratory relief is therefore appropriate. Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(b)(2). All class members, who are the incorrect party, would benefit from the cessation of these annoying calls and defendant's opt-out policy.
- 10. <u>Superiority/Predominance</u>. It is desirable to have this case litigated as a class action because the class mechanism is superior to individual actions. Plaintiffs are not aware of any other cases alleging similar facts against these defendants; likely because the other members of the class are not aware that their rights have been violated. Further, a class action is necessary to determine that defendants' conduct is a violation of law and to redress the class members' statutory damages. Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(b)(3). Defendant called each class member using the same equipment, and defendant has identical defenses (or lack thereof) as to each class member.
- 11. Because the prerequisites of Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3) are satisfied, this Court should certify the class. Plaintiffs request that the Court set a briefing schedule for this

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motion sufficient to permit time for service of the complaint, discovery and the filing of a supplemental memorandum in support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court certify this case as a class action as to the class defined herein, and appoint plaintiff Diego Frausto as class representative, and Burke Law Offices, LLC as class counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Alexander H. Burke

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Exhibit A

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	1 PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION	2 (Witness sworn)
	3 SCOTT ELLISON
	4 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
DIEGO FRAUSTO,	5 was examined and testified as follows:
Plaintiff,	6 * * *
vs.	7 EXAMINATION
	8 * * *
IC SYSTEM, INC.,	9 BY MR. BURKE:
Defendant.	Q. Would you state your name for the record,
	11 please?
The Deposition of SCOTT ELLISON,	12 A. Scott Ellison.
taken pursuant to Notice of Taking	13 Q. Mr. Ellison, my name is Alex Burke, and I
Deposition, taken before Laurie A. Kjelden, a Notary Public in and for the County of	14 represent the plaintiffs in a lawsuit called 15 Frausto versus IC System, Incorporated.
Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on the 14th day	
of January, 2011, at 444 Highway 96, Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, commencing at	16 Have you ever given a deposition 17 before?
approximately 1:30 p.m.	18 A. No, I have not.
	19 Q. Here's the deal, especially since we're on
	20 the telephone. I would request that you
AFFILIATED COURT REPORTERS	21 please make audible answers, both so I can
2935 Old Highway 8 St. Paul, Minnesota 55113	hear them and so the court reporter can
(612) 338-4348	23 write them down, okay?
	24 A. Okay.
	Q. If you need a break for any reason, just let
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1 APPEARANCES:	us know, and we'll take a break. We'll just
ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF VIA TELEPHONE:	2 put the phone on hold, and you can go do
ALEXANDER H. BURKE	3 whatever you want to do, okay? 4 A. Okay.
4 Burke Law Offices, LLC 155 North Michigan Avenue	5 Q. I think this is going to be pretty quick
5 Suite 9020	6 today.
Chicago, Illinois 60601	7 Mr. Ellison, is there any reason
7 ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT VIA TELEPHONE: 8 PETER E. PEDERSON	8 why you can't give complete and accurate
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP	9 testimony today?
9 222 North LaSalle Street Suite 300	10 A. No.
10 Chicago, Illinois 60601	11 Q. Are you on any medications or have any
ALSO PRESENT:	12 conditions that prevent you from doing so?
DONALD P. FITZGERALD III	13 A. No.
13 Vice President, Corporate Counsel	14 Q. Great. Where are you employed, Mr. Ellison?
444 Highway 96 East 14 St. Paul, Minnesota 55127	15 A. IC System.
15	16 Q. What is IC System?
16	17 A. We're a collection agency.
17 DEPOSITION OF SCOTT ELLISON 18	18 Q. Where is IC System located?
Examination: Page	19 A. In Vadnais Heights, Minnesota.
Mr. Burke 3	20 Q. Is that near St. Paul?
20 Mr. Pederson 17	21 A. It's north of St. Paul, yes.
Mr. Burke 22	22 Q. What is your position at IC System?
22 Exhibits: Page	23 A. The dialer operations manager. 24 Q. What are your duties as dialer operations
23 1 Caption 5 24	24 Q. What are your duties as dialer operations 25 manager?
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5 Q. Have you been designated by IC System, A. It's my duty to execute call strategies set 1 1 2 2 Incorporated to testify on its behalf as to forth by our analytics and collection 3 3 that topic? operations people. 4 4 A. Yes. Q. Mr. Ellison, are you aware that you're here 5 5 today as a corporate representative? Q. Great. How long have you worked at IC 6 A. Yes. 6 System? 7 7 MR. BURKE: Is there a copy of A. 18 years. 8 the notice of deposition there? 8 Q. When you began 18 years ago, what did you do THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, there 9 9 at IC System? 10 10 A. I started as a collector. is. MR. BURKE: Okay. Would you 11 Q. Over the 18 years, can you give me the 11 please mark that as Exhibit A and tender it 12 highlights of changes in positions, from 12 13 13 to the witness? collector to --(Deposition Exhibit Letter A was 14 A. I went from a collector to a collection 14 15 15 marked for identification.) supervisor, to a collection operations 16 MR. PEDERSON: Just for clarity, 16 manager, to my current position. 17 can you identify the date of the deposition 17 Q. When did you go from collection operations 18 notice that you're talking about, Alex, 18 manager to dialer operations manager? 19 because there have been a couple of 19 A. Approximately four years ago. I believe it 20 20 was January of '07. different notices, and they listed different 21 21 subjects? Q. When you say "dialer," what do you mean? 22 MR. BURKE: So the deposition 22 A. Our automated dialer systems. 23 notice that I believe the witness has has a 23 Q. How many dialers does IC System have? 24 24 certificate of service dated January 12th, Five. 25 Q. Where are they located? 25 2010 on the second page. 6 8 A. They're all in the St. Paul office. BY MR. BURKE: 1 1 2 2 Q. If IC System wants to call a debtor using Q. Would that be correct, Mr. Ellison? 3 3 A. I haven't seen the copy yet. its dialer, how does it do so? 4 THE COURT REPORTER: (Hands 4 A. The list is generated off our host system. 5 5 The phone number would have to be attached exhibit.) 6 6 THE WITNESS: That's correct. to an account that's been placed with IC 7 7 BY MR. BURKE: System, then downloaded to our dialer. 8 8 Q. And for the record, if you turn to the first Q. And you say a list. Would you be referring 9 page, we are not dealing with the topic in 9 to, for example, a campaign to collect a 10 10 the third box. list of certain debts? 11 A. Okay. 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Would you please read topic one or the first 12 Q. So would it be accurate to say that someone 13 topic to yourself? 13 at IC System either -- someone at IC System 14 A. (Reviews document.) 14 decides that a dialling campaign should 15 Q. Are you competent to testify as to that 15 happen, so they query the database to put 16 16 together a list of accounts that they went subject? 17 17 A. Yes. to collect? 18 Q. Have you been designated by IC System, 18 A. Yes. That would be correct. 19 Incorporated to testify on that subject? 19 Q. Then those accounts are sent to the dialer, 20 20 and the dialer dials the account; is that 21 Q. Same questions as to topic two. Let's take 21 riaht? A. Yes. 22 22 a minute. 23 A. (Reviews document.) 23 Q. How does a dialer decide which accounts to Q. Are you competent to testify on that topic? 24 24 25 A. Yes. 25 A. Well, the dialer can be -- well, you can

9 11 of time? 1 1 change or you can select a sort on the 2 2 dialer to call it in whichever order you A. Yes. 3 3 wish to call those accounts in. Q. So when a person picks up and the dialer 4 Q. Okay. Does the dialer also sometimes decide 4 decides to leave a message, it plays this 5 5 when to make the phone calls? message -- the same message to each person 6 A. If we do not specify a certain order, then 6 who picks up; is that right? 7 7 yes, it will dial. A. Yes. 8 Q. So it would decide what order to dial the 8 Q. Does it ever happen at IC System that a 9 phone numbers in? 9 debtor answers and IC System is able to have 10 A. Yes. 10 a live operator on its end of the call when 11 Q. Do your dialers have capability of 11 the dialer calls? 12 12 A. Yes. intelligently deciding what time of day to call particular dialers -- debtors? 13 Q. Can you give me some idea of maybe a 13 14 14 A. Not necessarily what time of day, but it percentage of calls when there's an operator 15 15 does not allow to call phone numbers that available to speak to the recipient of a 16 are not within our legal calling times. 16 17 Q. So my question is -- you know, some people 17 A. I would say 85 to 90 percent. 18 work during the day, some people don't. I 18 Q. So if there's nobody available at IC System, 19 would guess that some phone calls, for 19 then it just leaves a prerecorded message; 20 20 example, at dinner time are more effective is that right? 21 21 at getting someone to answer than those that A. Well, we're actually talking about two 22 are called in the morning on a weekday. 22 different types of dialer campaigns. 23 23 Q. Okay. Can you explain the two different Does the dialer make any 24 24 decisions as to what time of day to call kinds, please? 25 25 A. The campaign where we have agents attached people? 10 12 1 A. No, it does not. 1 to -- available to take the calls on a 2 Q. As to the plaintiff's account, do you know 2 connect, those calls do not leave any 3 whether the campaigns were the type of 3 automated messages. And then if we choose 4 campaigns where the dialer decided what 4 to run a campaign or job with automated 5 5 order to call or whether a human being messages, that typically will be all we run, 6 decided what order to call? 6 are calls to be -- to leave messages. 7 7 MR. PEDERSON: Objection to the Q. Does it ever happen that IC System uses its 8 question, compound. You can answer, Scott. 8 dialer to call someone, the person answers, 9 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat 9 and there's an agent -- an IC System person 10 10 that, please? available and those people speak, and then 11 BY MR. BURKE: 11 after they speak a prerecorded message is 12 Q. I'm just trying to figure out as to the 12 played? 13 plaintiff in this case, Diego Frausto, 13 A. No. 14 whether you know whether the calls to Diego 14 Q. When the dialer is making calls, who is 15 were the type of calls where the dialer 15 dialing the phone numbers? Is it the dialer 16 decided when to call or when -- or the type 16 or a human being or something else? 17 17 of calls where the -- where some person A. It's the dialer. 18 decided what order to call him in? 18 Q. Does IC System intend to call people using A. No. I do not know how it was set for that 19 19 its dialer? 20 20 A. Yes. day. 21 Q. Would it be accurate to say that sometimes 21 Q. Does IC System intend to call people using 22 the dialer leaves messages for debtors? 22 its prerecorded messages? 23 23 A. Yes. A. Yes. 24 24 Q. And those messages that the dialer leaves, Q. Are there any instances that you can think 25 are those messages that were recorded ahead 25 of where IC System called someone using its

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_	dialer but didn't intend to do so?	1	Q. Right.
2	MR. PEDERSON: Objection, calls	2	MR. PEDERSON: I'm going to
3	for speculation, but the witness can answer	3	object to the form of the question as vague
4	if he knows.	4	and lacking foundation, because there's no
5	THE WITNESS: No. No. I don't	5	definition of what a campaign is. Subject
6	believe so.	6	to that, the witness can answer.
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10	A. Yes.	10	campaign is, please?
11	Q. We've been talking about how the dialer	11	A. A dialing campaign is simply a what we
12	works and how the prerecorded messages work.	12	call a dialer job or a list of accounts that
13	Thinking back over the last three years, in	13	we actually dial on the auto dialer.
14	your experience as dialer operations	14	Q. So would it be accurate to say, then, that
15	manager, would you say that the dialers have	15	sometimes as part of the campaign, the
16	substantially changed such that the answers	16	dialer would call a particular number twice?
17	to these questions might have been	17	A. If we instruct it to do so.
18	different?	18	Q. Would it ever call a particular number twice
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20	form of the question. It's vague. The	20	deciding who to call when?
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22	understands the question.	22	Q. Is there a certain term that's given to the
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3	* * *	3	MR. PEDERSON: I don't have
4	BY MR. PEDERSON:	4	anything further.
5	Q. Mr. Ellison, earlier you testified that in	5	MR. BURKE: I just have a couple
6	some campaigns the dialer will decide the	6	on redirect.
7	order in which the phone numbers included in	7	* * *
8	the campaign are dialed; is that correct?	8	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
9	A. Yes.	9	* * *
10	Q. And in other campaigns an employee of IC	10	BY MR. BURKE:
11	will set the will control the order in	11	Q. If the dialer calls as part of the campaign
12	which the phone numbers included in the	12	where the where a person decides what
13	campaign are called by the dialer; is that	13	order the calls will be in and nobody
14	correct?	14	answers the phone call, will the dialer try
15	A. That's correct.	15	again later?
16	Q. How often does an IC employee control the	16	A. The dialer has the ability to do that, but
17	order in which the numbers included in the	17	it would depend on how the settings on that
18	campaign are called?	18	campaign are set up.
19	A. It's typical for us to do that. A very high	19	 Q. Typically how is that setting set for
20	percentage of the campaigns do have a the	20	campaigns?
21	sort set to a certain value that operations	21	 A. Typically we would not call that back within
22	may want.	22	that campaign.
23	Q. In the case of a campaign where the dialer	23	MR. BURKE: I think that's all.
24	is selecting the order in which the numbers	24	MR. PEDERSON: Well, we will
25	are called, is it true that a human being	25	reserve signature.
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1	employed by IC System will still be	1	MR. BURKE: So we're off the
2	responsible for deciding what numbers are	2	record.
3	included in that campaign in the first	3	
4	place?	4	
5	A. Yes. This is within a campaign that I'm	5	
6	referring to, as far as how the numbers are	6	
7	dialed or the order in which the accounts	7	
8	are dialed.	8	
9	Q. Does a human being employed by IC set the	9	
10	criteria for selecting the numbers that are	10	
11	included in a dialing campaign in the case	11	
12	of all of the company's dialing campaigns?	12	
13	A. Yes. Q. How long does a dialing campaign typically	13	
14 15	last?	14 15	
16	A. We don't really have a typical time frame.	16	
17	We have some very small campaigns, and we	17	
18	have some very large campaigns. Some will	18	
19	last a half hour. We have others that will	19	
20	last the entire workday.	20	
21	Q. Will they ever last longer than a day?	21	
22	A. No, they cannot. We rebuild our list each	22	
23	night.	23	
24	Q. When IC System uses its dialing technology	24	
25	to call people, does it intend to comply	25	

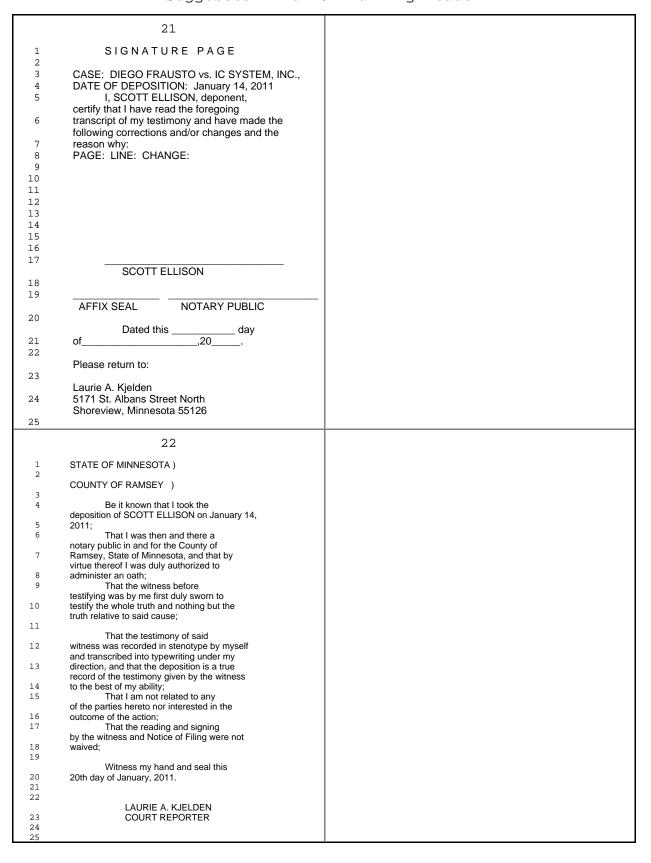


Exhibit B

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DIEGO FRAUS T O,)
Plaintiff,) 1:10-cv-1363
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IC SYSTEM, INC.,)
Defendant.)
)
) JURY DEMANDED

DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER H. BURKE

I am Alexander H. Burke, manager of Burke Law Offices, LLC.

In September 2008, I opened Burke Law Offices, LLC. This firm concentrates on consumer class action and consumer work on the plaintiff side. Since the firm began, it has prosecuted cases for consumers under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Electronic Funds Transfer Act, Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, Truth in Lending Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, among others. The firm also occasionally accepts mortgage foreclosure defense or credit card defense case. Except for debt collection defense cases, the firm works almost exclusively on a contingency basis.

My legal career began at Edelman, Combs, Latturner & Goodwin, LLC, in Chicago, Illinois, where I spent nearly three years litigating exclusively consumer cases. I estimate that approximately sixty-five percent of those cases were class actions. In 2007, I joined the Law Offices of Keith J. Keogh, Ltd., another consumer rights law firm, where my practice was again limited almost exclusively to consumer class action.

I make substantial efforts to remain current on the law, including class action issues. I attended the National Consumer Law Center Consumer Rights Litigation Conference in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and was an active participant in the Consumer Class Action Intensive Symposium at each of those conferences. In October 2009, I spoke on a panel of consumer class action attorneys welcoming newcomers to the conference. In addition to regularly attending Chicago Bar Association meetings and events, I am the vice-chair of the Chicago Bar Association's consumer protection section, and in November 2009, I moderated a panel of judges and attorneys discussing recent events and decisions concerning arbitration of consumer claims and class action bans in consumer contracts. In November, 2010, I spoke at

the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys national conference in San Diego, California, regarding consumer protection issues.

Some notable cases and class actions that I have worked on include:

Powell v. West Asset Management, Inc., 1:10-cv-7852 (N.D.III. March 24, 2011) (striking TCPA defendant's "mitigation of damages" affirmative defense in individual case); Fike v. The Bureaus, Inc., 1:09-cv-2558 (N.D.III.) (\$800,000 settlement in TCPA autodialer class action); Greene v. DirecTV, Inc., 2010 WL 1506730 (N.D.III. April 14, 2010) (motion to dismiss denied as to class TCPA and FCRA claims); Donnelly v. NCO Financial Systems, Inc., 263 F.R.D. 500 (N.D.III. Dec. 16, 2009) Fed.R.Civ.P. 72 objections overruled in toto, --- F.Supp.2d ----, 2010 WL 308975 (N.D.III. Jan 13, 2010) (novel class action and TCPA discovery issues decided favorably to class); Cicilline v. Jewel Food Stores, Inc., 542 F.Supp.2d 831 (N.D.III. 2008) (FCRA class certification granted); 542 F.Supp.2d 842 (N.D.III. 2008) (plaintiffs' motion for judgment on pleadings granted); Harris v. Best Buy Co., 07 C 2559, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22166 (N.D.III. March 20, 2008) (Class certification granted); Matthews v. United Retail, Inc., 248 F.R.D. 210 (N.D.III. 2008) (FCRA class certification granted); Redmon v. Uncle Julio's, Inc., 249 F.R.D. 290 (N.D.III. 2008) (FCRA class certification granted); Harris v. Circuit City Stores, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12596, 2008 WL 400862 (N.D. III. Feb. 7,2008) (FCRA class certification granted); aff'd upon objection (Mar. 28, 2008); Harris v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 76012 (N.D. III. Oct. 10, 2007) (motion to dismiss in putative class action denied); Barnes v. FleetBoston Fin. Corp., C.A. No. 01-10395-NG, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 71072 (D.Mass. Aug. 22, 2006) (appeal bond required for potentially frivolous objection to large class action settlement, and resulting in a \$12.5 million settlement for Massachusetts consumers); Longo v. Law Offices of Gerald E. Moore & Assocs., P.C., 04 C 5759, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19624 (N.D.III. March 30, 2006) (class certification granted); Nichols v. Northland Groups, Inc., case nos. 05 C 2701, 05 C 5523, 06 C 43, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15037 (N.D.III. March 31, 2006) (class certification granted for concurrent classes against same defendant for ongoing violations); Lucas v. GC Services, L.P., case No. 2:03 cv 498, 226 F.R.D. 328 (N.D.Ind. 2004) (compelling discovery), 226 F.R.D. 337 (N.D.Ind. 2005) (granting class certification); Murry v. America's Mortq. Banc, Inc., case nos. 03 C 5811, 03 C 6186, 2005 WL 1323364 (N.D. III. May 5, 2006) (Report and Recommendation granting class certification), aff'd, 2006 WL 1647531 (June 5, 2006); Rawson v. Credigy Receivables, Inc., case no. 05 C 6032, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6450 (N.D. III. Feb. 16, 2006) (denying motion to dismiss in class case against debt collector for suing on time-barred debts).

I graduated from Colgate University in 1997 (B.A. International Relations), and from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2003 (J.D.). During law school I served as an extern to the Honorable Robert W. Gettleman of the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and as a law clerk for the Honorable Nancy Jo Arnold, Chancery Division, Circuit Court of Cook County. I also served as an extern for the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and was a research assistant to adjunct professor Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr.

I was the Feature Articles Editor of the Loyola Consumer Law Review and Executive Editor of the International Law Forum. My published work includes International Harvesting on

the Internet: A Consumer's Perspective on 2001 Proposed Legislation Restricting the Use of Cookies and Information Sharing, 14 Loy. Consumer L. Rev. 125 (2002).

I became licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois in 2003 and the State of Wisconsin in March 2011, and am a member of the bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh and First Circuits, as well as the Northern District of Illinois, Central District of Illinois, Southern District of Illinois, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Northern District of Indiana and Southern District of Indiana. In 2009-10, I was the vice chair of the Consumer Protection section of the Chicago Bar Association, and am the chair of that group for the 2010-2011 year. I am also a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and the American Bar Association, as well as the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best

of my knowledge and belief.

Executed in Chicago, Illinois March 31, 2011